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Pursuant to the obligations of candor and good faith imposed by 37 C.F.R. 1.56, the items of information listed on the attached PTO-1449 is brought to the attention of the Examiner.

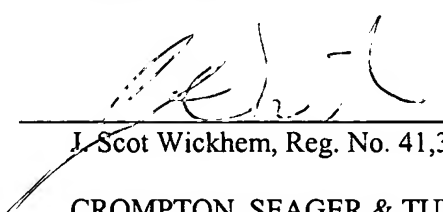
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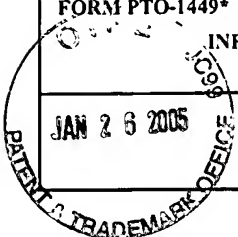
Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	4,573,966	03/04/1986	Weigl et al.		
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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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	DE 100 10 467	09/13/2001	DE			
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